Allahabad, during the last three years for the purchase of two cobalt therapy units, (c) There is no other proposal for giving assistance under the cancer control programme.

Contribution towards Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary Celebrations

760. SHRI M. S. GURUPADA-SWAMY: SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleas-ed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govern ment have issued departmental instruc tions to public sector undertakings to con tribute substantially to the Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary celebrations;

(b) whether these instructions are a compulsion on these public scetor under-takings;

(c) whether these public sector under-takings which are losing have been exempted from this contributions; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRIMATI SHEILA DIK-SHTT); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

CBI investigation In Bofors Gun Deal

761. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRT LAL K. ADVANT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the tasks entrusted to CBI for investigation in context with the documents published by the 'Hindu' about thei Howitzer gun deal with Bofors, and when were they entrusted; and

(b) what are the findings as yet and the follow up action?

THE MINISTER. OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) The following tasks were entrusted to the CBI in the matter:—

(i) To investigate the authenticity of the documents published in the Hindu.

(ii) To establish the identity of the recepients of the alleged payments.

(iii) To ascertain whether any Indian received any part of these alleged payments, and, if so, the services for which these payments were made.

(iv) To determine whether any Indian laws have been violated.

(b) The investigations by the CBI have not so far been completed.

Pesticide compound extracted from Neem oil

762. SHRI SHANKER SINH VA-GHELA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the Regional Research Laboratory, Hyderabad, a safe and natural pesticide compound 'Vapacide' has beep extracted from Neem Oil;

(b) whether it is a fact that 'Vapacide' js found to be anti-feedant and render pest management quite safe, specially in case of vegetables and fruits wher$_e$ *toxicity* of svrtthetic pesticides is a major threat: if so, what are its other useful properties; and

(c) steps taken to upscale the process at pilot-plant level and also at commercial scale; and if so, with what results?